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Gary D. Foster

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Art Unit: 2124

Examiner: T. Ingberg

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In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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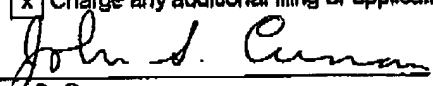
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